

Appendix E

KNOXVILLE NEWS SENTINEL

1. April 15, 2013
Headline: FBI, IRS raid Pilot Flying J HQs; company ‘cooperating fully’
Text: KNOXVILLE — The FBI and IRS locked down Pilot Flying J headquarters in West Knoxville today while executing a search warrant. FBI Supervisory Special Agent Marshall Stone said that FBI and IRS agents arrived at the corporate headquarters on Lonas Road this afternoon as part of a “ongoing investigation.” Stone declined to provide specifics of the raid
2. April 15, 2013
Headline: Pilot Flying J success story five decades in the making
Text: The corporation, whose Lonas Road-headquarters was locked down by the FBI this afternoon, started with a series of gas stations founded by Jim Haslam in the late 1950s and became one of the largest private companies in the country
3. April 15, 2013
Headline: FBI, IRS search Pilot Flying J
Text: Dozens of FBI and Internal Revenue Service agents on Monday raided the West Knoxville headquarters of Pilot Flying J, operator of the largest travel center network in North America, while executing a search warrant
4. April 15, 2013
Headline: FBI locks down Pilot Flying J HQs
Text: The FBI has Pilot Flying J headquarters on lockdown Monday afternoon
5. April 16, 2013
Headline: Unpaid rebates focus of Pilot investigation
Text: Claims of unpaid fuel rebates apparently led to Monday’s raid on the West Knoxville headquarters of Pilot Flying J as part of a federal criminal investigation, the company’s CEO said
6. April 16, 2013
Headline: Gov. Bill Haslam doesn't know, not seeking details of Pilot Flying J raid
Text: Gov. Bill Haslam said he knows little about a raid on Pilot Flying J headquarters in Knoxville and has “faith and confidence” in his brother’s ability to deal with the situation as CEO of the company
7. April 16, 2013
Headline: Pilot Flying J CEO Jimmy Haslam sends message to employees after FBI, IRS raid
Text: Pilot Flying J CEO Jimmy Haslam has reached out to his 30,000 employees, urging them to “believe and trust” that the Knoxville-based company has done no wrong amid an ongoing federal investigation
8. April 16, 2013
Headline: Pilot Flying J CEO Jimmy Haslam: Raid part of criminal investigation into rebates to trucking customers
Text: Pilot Flying J CEO Jimmy Haslam said today the raid Monday on his company was part of a federal criminal investigation into claims of failure to pay rebates to trucking customers
9. April 16, 2013
Headline: Pilot rebates provide customer discounts
Text: Pilot Flying J, the largest operator of travel centers in North America, uses a rebate program to provide discounts to trucking companies that buy their fuel from the Knoxville-based company.

It's these rebates that appear to be the focus of an ongoing criminal investigation that resulted in the lockdown of Pilot Flying J's corporate headquarters by federal agents

10. April 16, 2013
Headline: Knoxville business leaders surprised by Pilot lockdown
Text: As news of the federal raid on Pilot Flying J corporate headquarters filtered through the Knoxville business community Monday, most of those contacted said they were shocked and didn't know how to react
11. April 16, 2013
Headline: Jimmy Haslam press conference addresses Pilot Flying J investigation
Text: Pilot Flying J CEO Jimmy Haslam said today the raid Monday on his company was part of a federal criminal investigation into claims of failure to pay rebates to trucking customers. 'It does not involve any tax issues,' he said
12. April 16, 2013
Headline: Cleveland Browns owner Jimmy Haslam says he doesn't want blemish on Cleveland, team
Text: Cleveland Browns owner Jimmy Haslam addressed the media about the search warrants executed at Pilot Flying J the past two days
13. April 16, 2013
Headline: Covering the Pilot Flying J story: Day 2
Text: Second warrant issued in Pilot Flying J lockdown
14. April 16, 2013
Headline: Pilot Flying J FAQ
Text: A spokeswoman for Pilot Flying J released a statement this afternoon answering a list of questions the company has received since agents from the FBI and IRS raided the company headquarters on Monday
15. April 17, 2013
Headline: Ongoing coverage of the Pilot Flying J investigation from around the country
Text: Claims of unpaid fuel rebates apparently led to Monday's raid on the West Knoxville headquarters of Pilot Flying J as part of a federal criminal investigation, the company's CEO Jimmy Haslam said Tuesday
16. April 17, 2013
Headline: Feds: Four separate search warrants served on Pilot Flying J
Text: Federal prosecutors gave a few new details today on this week's search of Pilot Flying J headquarters but still won't say what the investigation's about or where it's headed
17. April 17, 2013
Headline: Pilot story draws interest from Cleveland media
Text: The investigation of Pilot Flying J is being closely followed in Cleveland because of Pilot CEO Jimmy Haslam is owner of the NFL Cleveland Browns and has become active in the community
18. April 17, 2013
Headline: Customers react to Pilot Flying J probe
Text: Customers at the Flying J truck stop in Knoxville react to investigation over fuel rebate cards
19. April 18, 2013
Headline: Rebates give Pilot major competitive edge
Text: Fuel rebates may have gotten Pilot Flying J into trouble with the federal government, but they represent a major edge over smaller competitors, say executives with independent truck stop operators

20. April 18, 2013
Headline: ‘Liar’s poker’: Explaining the rebate scheme in Pilot officials’ own words
Text: Welcome to the gray side. That’s how Pilot Flying J’s top sales officials explained rebate deals to each other and how they justified promising a customer one price and charging another, according to transcripts of secretly recorded conversations unsealed by federal officials
Thursday
21. April 18, 2013
Headline: Reaction to unsealed documents in Pilot Flying J investigation
Text: Authorities unsealed documents relating to the federal investigation of Pilot Flying J late Thursday afternoon. The following is a glimpse of the discussion on social media following the publication of the documents online
22. April 18, 2013
Headline: NewsNet5: Knoxville Browns Backers support Flying J and Jimmy Haslam despite FBI investigation
Text: Browns Backers in Tennessee were surprised learn about the ongoing FBI investigation at Pilot Flying J headquarters in Knoxville, but aren’t concerned the probe will have any impact on CEO and Browns owner Jimmy Haslam
23. April 18, 2013
Headline: FBI: Pilot engaged in fraud, Haslam knew of scheme
Text: Government alleges multi-million dollar fraud, based in part on recordings made by insider informant
24. April 18, 2013
Headline: Feds: Top Pilot officials aware of rebate fraud
Text: Federal officials have unsealed search warrants used in raid on Pilot Flying J headquarters
25. April 18, 2013
Headline: Feds: Top Pilot officials aware of rebate fraud
Text: A confidential informant working with federal agents has alleged that a rebate fraud scheme at Pilot Flying J occurred with the knowledge of top executives, including CEO Jimmy Haslam
26. April 18, 2013
Headline: Chronology of Pilot Flying J investigation
Text: The raids carried out at Pilot Flying J were culmination of a nearly two-year investigation
27. April 18, 2013
Headline: Three private homes raided under Pilot warrant
Text: Three private home offices belonging to key people named by FBI were included under a warrant in connection to the Pilot Flying J fraud allegations
28. April 18, 2013
Headline: Documents in the Pilot Flying J investigation
Text: On the afternoon of Monday, April 15, 2013, the FBI and IRS searched the Knoxville headquarters of Pilot Flying J. Documents lay out federal authorities’ case for the search, based on claims of rebate fraud
29. April 18, 2013
Headline: Fed’s Pilot investigation could be lengthy
Text: WASHINGTON — Federal criminal investigations like the one that led to Monday’s raid on the Pilot Flying J headquarters in West Knoxville often involve complicated financial matters that can sometimes take years to untangle, experts say
30. April 19, 2013

- Headline: Trucking companies reeling from Pilot Flying J fraud allegations**
Text: Allegations that Pilot Flying J has engaged in fraud with its fuel rebate program has been a jolt to some of the company's customers named in FBI documents
31. April 19, 2013
Headline: Dee Haslam says husband 'hasn't done anything wrong'
Text: Government affidavit said Pilot Flying J CEO, Jimmy Haslam, knew about alleged fraud at the company; but the executive's wife came to his defense
32. April 19, 2013
Headline: Report: Ex-Pilot CEO saw no red flags
Text: Former PepsiCo president who briefly took CEO job at Pilot told the WALL STREET JOURNAL he saw no red flags during his executive stint at company
33. April 19, 2013
Headline: CEO Jimmy Haslam: Pilot 'run the right way'
Text: Pilot Flying J CEO Jimmy Haslam denied personal wrongdoing and said his company is run the right way
34. April 19, 2013
Headline: Haslam to stay Pilot CEO
Text: Pilot Flying J CEO Jimmy Haslam said today he will continue as CEO of Pilot. Announcement comes as Pilot faces intense pressure in connection with a criminal investigation
35. April 19, 2013
Headline: Pilot hires Nashville defense attorney
Text: In the wake of a federal raid and criminal investigation, Pilot Flying J has retained prominent white-collar defense attorney, Aubrey Harwell, Jr., of Nashville
36. April 20, 2013
Headline: Georgia company asks for class action lawsuit against Pilot Flying J
Text: Five days after federal authorities raided Pilot Flying J headquarters on Lonas Road, a Georgia trucking company on Saturday became the first client to file a lawsuit based on the allegations in the criminal probe
37. April 20, 2013
Headline: North Georgia trucking company files first suit against Pilot
Text: Atlantic Coast Carriers Inc., of Hazelhurst, Ga., filed suit today in Knox County Circuit Court against the Pilot Corp
38. April 21, 2013
Headline: Pilot Flying J fraud allegations put Haslam family's reputation on the line
Text: As recently as a week ago, Jimmy Haslam III appeared at the top of his game
39. April 22, 2013
Headline: Box by box, Pilot Flying J records shed more light on rebate-fraud probe
Text: Federal authorities filed another inventory of records seized. Court records indicate more than 20 evidence boxes with more on the way
40. April 22, 2013
Headline: NFL said to be 'very, very concerned' about Haslam
Text: The National Football League is "very concerned" about investigation into Pilot Flying J and CEO Jimmy Haslam, who also owns the Cleveland Browns
41. April 22, 2013
Headline: Haslam places some sales employees on leave
Text: Pilot Flying J CEO Jimmy Haslam said Monday that several members of the company's direct sales team have been put on indefinite administrative leave following last week's FBI raid of corporate headquarters
42. April 23, 2013
Headline: Pilot puts sales employees on leave; eliminates manual rebate system

Text: A week after federal agents raided his fuel business, Pilot Flying J CEO Jimmy Haslam on Monday announced that several sales employees have been placed on leave, one of a series of actions aimed at addressing the developing scandal

43. April 23, 2013

Headline: Pilot credit rating under review

Text: Pilot Flying J is scrambling to contain the business fallout from a federal investigation, but the scandal might also impact its credit rating

44. April 24, 2013

Headline: 'Absolutely outrageous': Pilot Flying J denies witness –tampering claims of Georgia lawyer

Text: Pilot Flying J attorney Aubrey Harwell Jr. This afternoon blasted accusations of witness tampering against CEO Jimmy Haslam, saying Haslam wants only "to do the right thing."

45. April 24, 2013

Headline: NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell meets with Browns owner Jimmy Haslam about federal investigation

Text: AKRON, Ohio - NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell told reporters he met with Browns owner Jimmy Haslam on Tuesday about the federal investigation into the Tennessee billionaire's family business, Pilot Flying J

46. April 24, 2013

Headline: Embattled Pilot sales exec gave to Gov. Haslam campaign

Text: The Pilot Flying J sales executive at the center of the ongoing federal fraud investigation combined with his wife to contribute \$12,000 to the campaign of Gov. Bill Haslam in recent years

47. April 25, 2013

Headline: Trucking company files for restraining order against Pilot Flying J, accuses Haslam of obstructing justice

Text: The trucking company suing Pilot Flying J accused CEO Jimmy Haslam of obstructing justice and buying off cheated customers in a motion for a restraining order filed today

48. April 25, 2013

Headline: Judge could rule Monday on restraining order sought against Pilot

Text: A judge could decide Monday whether Haslam and his company crossed a legal line from making amends to witness-tampering by offering to pay up the difference to any trucking companies shorted on fuel rebates

49. April 25, 2013

Headline: Pilot Flying J denies claim of witness tampering

Text: Georgia trucking company lawyer accused Haslam of witness tampering as the fallout from a federal fuel-rebate fraud probe continues

50. April 26, 2013

Headline: More lawsuits filed against Pilot Flying J

Text: Two new class action suits have been filed in federal courts in Alabama and Arkansas against Pilot Flying J, both citing an affidavit from an FBI agent justifying the highly publicized April 15 raid on the travel center's Knoxville headquarters

51. April 26, 2013

Headline: Pilot Flying J chief executive reaches out to customers regarding FBI raid

Text: Pilot Flying J CEO Jimmy Haslam has sent the following letter to the company's fuel customers. The letter is in response to the FBI investigation of the company's alleged fuel rebate fraud

52. April 26, 2013

Headline: Attorney: 'Haslam scheme' took money from small trucking companies

Text: The attorney for the Georgia trucking company suing Pilot Flying J over fuel payments is talking tough

53. April 27, 2013
Headline: Pilot president also under scrutiny
Text: WEWS phone interview with Pilot Flying J attorney. Haslam addresses media after documents unsealed in FBI investigation. Confidential informant told FBI that rebate fraud had occurred with the knowledge of Haslam and Pilot President Mark Hazelwood.
54. April 27, 2013
Headline: Shadowy figures – one a mole – were key to federal raid on Pilot Flying J
Text: WEWS-TV interview with Pilot Flying J attorney. Jimmy Haslam addresses media after documents unsealed in FBI investigation
55. April 28, 2013
Headline: Pilot Flying J legal drama unfurls
Text: WEWS interviews trucking company attorney Mark Tate
56. April 29, 2013
Headline: Judge may decide today if Pilot Flying J crossed legal line in contacting fuel customers
Text: WEWS interviews trucking company attorney Mark Tate. WEWS phone interview with Pilot Flying J attorney Aubrey Harwell Jr.
57. April 29, 2013
Headline: Pilot not barred from talking to trucking companies
Text: A Knox County judge rejected a bid to silence Pilot CEO Jimmy Haslam in the wake of a federal probe into an alleged fuel rebate rip-off scheme
58. April 29, 2013
Headline: Judge denies motion to bar Pilot Flying J from contacting fuel customers
Text: Knox County Circuit Court Judge Harold Wimberly today denied a motion by Atlantic Coast Carriers Inc. for a restraining order barring Pilot CEO Jimmy Haslam from reaching out to other trucking customers impacted by the rebate scandal
59. April 29, 2013
Headline: Equity firm stands by its investment in Pilot Flying J
Text: Jimmy Haslam addresses media after documents unsealed in FBI investigation
60. April 30, 2013
Headline: Another class-action suit filed against Pilot
Text: Another class-action lawsuit has been filed in connection with the federal investigation into Pilot Flying J
61. May 1, 2013
Headline: Pilot Flying J names Reid Weingarten as special independent counsel
Text: Pilot's board of directors announced the appointment of Reid Weingarten to investigate accusations of fuel rebate fraud of trucking company customers
62. May 7, 2013
Headline: Pilot Flying J CEO Jimmy Haslam says he has ‘called hundreds of trucking companies’
Text: Cleveland Browns owner Jimmy Haslam spoke out Tuesday evening about events surrounding the federal probe into his Knoxville company
63. May 8, 2013
Headline: Truck stop competitor isn’t seeing ‘knee jerk’ reaction to Pilot probe
Text: WEWS interviews trucking company attorney Mark Tate
64. May 9, 2013

- Headline: Jimmy Haslam to address trucking executives at seminar in Indianapolis on May 16**
Text: Jimmy Haslam, CEO of embattled Pilot Flying J, will speak to trucking executives. Pilot has been battered by federal allegations that certain employees for years had conspired to engage in rebate fraud
65. May 14, 2013
Headline: Sixth lawsuit filed in Pilot Flying J fuel-rebate probe
Text: The lawsuit filed by Osborn Transportation of Gadsden, AL, marks the sixth such case since federal agents raided Pilot's corporate headquarters in Knoxville last month
66. May 15, 2013
Headline: Pilot CEO to answer trucking execs questions
Text: Jimmy Haslam will take questions from trucking executives from around the country today, one month after the federal raid on his company's Knoxville headquarters and in the midst of more than a half-dozen lawsuits filed by trucking companies
67. May 15, 2013
Headline: Former FBI Director Louis Freeh to represent truckers cheated in Pilot Flying J rebate scandal
Text: NewsChannel5 has learned that former FBI director Louis Freeh has been hired to investigate the Knoxville company operated by Cleveland Browns owner Jimmy Haslam
68. May 16, 2013
Headline: Updated with video: Pilot Flying J CEO Jimmy Haslam tells trucking industry leaders he knew nothing about fuel-rebate fraud
Text: Pilot Flying J CEO Jimmy Haslam told trucking industry leaders that he knew nothing about nor did he participate in an alleged fuel-rebate fraud. A month ago, FBI and IRS agents executed search warrants to seize files and records
69. May 17, 2013
Headline: New lawsuit filed in Pilot Flying J probe
Text: A new lawsuit has been filed against Pilot J, a little more than a month into a continuing federal probe of rebate-fraud accusations. The federal lawsuit filed by Jerry Floyd in the Northern District of Florida seeks class-action status
70. May 28, 2013
Headline: New lawsuit filed in Pilot Flying J probe
Text: The latest lawsuit, filed by trucking customer Mike Campbell of Holmes County, MS, seeks class-action status
71. May 29, 2013
Headline: Pilot says court statements disappointing, but not surprising
Text: A Pilot Flying J spokesman said that the company was disappointed, but not surprised, in the wake of plea agreements entered by two of its employees
72. May 29, 2013
Headline: Pilot Flying J probe lifts hopes of dwindling rivals
Text: When Pilot moved to buy out its largest truck stop rival, a small group of independent operators pleaded with the Federal Trade Commission to block the deal. Now, four years later, with Pilot caught in the swirl of a federal criminal investigation, the leaders of a dwindling band of independents are holding out hope
73. May 30, 2013
Headline: 2 Pilot employees plead to federal fraud charges
Text: The longer a defendant tarries in talking, the less likely he or she is to be of any value to the U. S. Attorney's office. First Pilot employees plead guilty
74. May 30, 2013
Headline: Pilot mum on Ralenkotter, Judd

- Text: Arnie Ralenkotter and Ashley Judd have admitted they conspired to defraud customers of Pilot Flying J, but the company isn't willing to publicly sever ties with them
75. May 30, 2013
Headline: Guilty pleas in Pilot investigation may lead to new targets
Text: Criminal defense experts said that the pleas from Ralenkotter and Judd indicate that the government is eyeing bigger targets
76. May 31, 2013
Headline: Ohio firm files suit charging fraud by Pilot Flying J
Text: An Ohio firm has filed a class-action lawsuit charging that it was defrauded by Pilot Flying J since at least 2005 in a scheme in which promised rebates were cut by millions of dollars
77. May 31, 2013
Headline: Pilot Flying J faces another suit from Alabama trucker
Text: An Alabama trucking company has joined about a dozen other transportation firms and filed suit against Pilot Flying J charging that the Knoxville-based travel center firm failed to live up to agreements on its rebate program
78. June 2, 2013
Headline: Plea agreement in Pilot case indicates prosecutors have star witness
Text: Language in the plea deal unsealed last week in the ongoing probe of a rebate rip-off conspiracy at Pilot Flying J suggests prosecutors are positioning Judd to be a star witness. Judd pleaded guilty in U. S. District Court to conspiracy to commit mail fraud
79. June 3, 2013
Headline: Pilot Flying J director overseeing fraud probe had own fraud woes while CEO of Saks
Text: Questions raised about Pilot Flying J board member, R. Brad Martin, who is heading internal investigation of fuel rebate payments. While Martin headed Saks Inc., a Securities and Exchange Commission fraud investigation found the company wrongly kept millions owed to suppliers; an allegation very similar to the shortchanged fuel rebate payments now alleged at Pilot by federal authorities
80. June 3, 2013
Headline: New lawsuit filed in Pilot Flying J probe
Text: Paul Otto, an independent truck owner and operator for W. N. Morehouse Trucking in Omaha, NE, filed the federal lawsuit Friday in Tennessee's Middle District in Nashville. The lawsuit, like most filed so far, seeks class-action status
81. June 5, 2013
Headline: Exclusive: Pilot Flying J investigation highlights plane deal
Text: An affidavit that led to a federal raid indicates that Pilot was forced to buy a private airplane after one of its customers discovered it was being shorted on fuel rebates
82. June 11, 2013
Headline: New lawsuit filed against Pilot Flying J in federal fraud probe
Text: Pilot Flying J faces another federal lawsuit, this one filed by an Alabama trucking company, as a federal fraud probe continues
83. June 11, 2013
Headline: Kentucky report sheds light on Pilot Flying J ownership
Text: In the wake of a government investigation, Pilot has been tight-lipped about even the most basic information about the company. Pilot's headquarters were raided by FBI and Internal Revenue Service agents in connection with an investigation into allegations of rebate fraud aimed at unsophisticated trucking companies
84. June 12, 2013
Headline: CVC exec signed document for Pilot plane

- Text: Executive with the European private equity firm that holds a stake in Pilot Flying J signed a registration application for an airplane that has drawn scrutiny of federal agents. Pilot is facing a government investigation related to allegations of fuel rebate fraud*
85. June 18, 2013
Headline: Pilot Flying J guilty pleas: Radford, Stinnett, Clark admit to mail fraud counts
Text: Three former Pilot Flying J employees pleaded guilty today in federal court to taking part in a conspiracy to defraud customers out of diesel fuel rebates
86. June 18, 2013
Headline: Three more Pilot Flying J employees plead guilty
Text: All three Pilot Flying J employees pleaded guilty Tuesday to federal charges of conspiracy to commit mail fraud — bringing to five the total of Pilot workers who have admitted to helping cheat trucking customers out of promised fuel discounts and rebates
87. June 18, 2013
Headline: Online extra: Kevin Clark affidavit conversation
Text: On November 28, 2012, CHS-2 engaged in a consensually recorded conversation with Pilot Regional Sales Manager Kevin Clark regarding rebate fraud and discount fraud
88. Jun 18, 2013
Headline: Online extra: Jay Stinnett affidavit conversation
Text: Editor's note: The following text comes from pages 83-84 of the affidavit filed against Pilot Flying J. Please note the text contains expletives
89. June 24, 2013
Headline: Miss. Firm files suit against Pilot
Text: Industrial & Crane Services, based in Pascagoula, filed the suit in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi. The suit cited an FBI affidavit which was released in the wake of an April 15 raid on Pilot's Knoxville headquarters. Since then, five employees have pleaded guilty to criminal charges in connection with a scheme to defraud customers out of diesel fuel rebates
90. July 5, 2013
Headline: Two more suits filed against Pilot
Text: Two more lawsuits have been filed against Pilot Flying J. R&R Transportation, a trucking company based in Audubon, Minn., filed a suit in U.S. District Court in that state, alleging that Pilot and several of its executives had committed fraud against R&R in connection with rebates owed to the company, and had engaged in racketeering activity
91. July 10, 2013
Headline: New lawsuit filed in Pilot Flying J probe
Text: Pilot Flying J faces another class-action lawsuit, this time from a New Hampshire trucker in the wake of the continuing federal rebate-fraud probe
92. July 11, 2013
Headline: Pilot Flying J faces new lawsuit
Text: A new proposed class-action lawsuit takes aim at Pilot Flying J, this one filed by an Alabama trucking company over the continuing federal rebate-fraud probe
93. July 12, 2013
Headline: Report: Federal grand jury investigating Pilot
Text: Grand jury has been hearing testimony from witnesses connected to the alleged fraud that first surfaced publicly following the April 15 raid at Pilot's Knoxville headquarters
94. July 15, 2013
Headline: Pilot Flying J names new VP of sales in wake of fuel-rebate investigation
Text: A top executive at Pilot who has been linked to a fuel-rebate fraud scandal has been replaced
95. July 16, 2013

Headline: Judge OKs Pilot Flying J, truckers agreement on fuel rebate fraud lawsuits
Text: A federal judge has granted preliminary approval to a proposed settlement agreement between Pilot Flying J and several trucking companies that had sued over allegations of fuel rebate fraud

96. July 16, 2013
Headline: Professor says Pilot's 100 percent payback offer 'pretty darn good'
Text: Moving aggressively to head off a mounting tide of civil lawsuits, Pilot Flying J has reached a settlement with several trucking companies that have sued over allegations of fuel-rebate fraud
97. July 17, 2013
Headline: Pilot deal draws fire from attorneys
Text: Pilot Flying J may have reached a civil settlement with several of its customers, but not everyone is impressed with the deal
98. July 18, 2013
Headline: Ga lawyer seeks to depose Haslam, Hazelwood of Pilot Flying J
Text: A Georgia attorney wants the chance to get answers from top executives at Pilot Flying J
99. July 19, 2013
Headline: Pilot settlement includes unorthodox participant
Text: National Trucking Financial Reclamation Services was one of the first plaintiffs to sue Pilot Flying J in the wake of a federal investigation of fuel-rebate fraud
100. July 22, 2013
Headline: Pilot Flying J seeks to quash deposition request
Text: A Georgia attorney's bid to take depositions from Pilot Flying J's top executives is "entirely premature and improper," according to a motion filed by the company late Friday
101. July 24, 2013
Headline: Attorneys: Pilot Flying J fraud claims could date back three more years
Text: A proposed update to last week's settlement of more than a dozen lawsuits against Pilot Flying J would push the date of diesel rebate shortfalls back by more than three years, court records filed today show
102. July 24, 2013
Headline: Website gives insight into proposed Pilot Flying J settlement
Text: A new website has been created that gives details about a proposed settlement between Pilot Flying J and a group of plaintiffs who have sued the company over rebate fraud allegations
103. July 25, 2013
Headline: Claims against Pilot will go back to 2005 under settlement agreement
Text: An update to last week's settlement of more than a dozen lawsuits against Pilot Flying J pushes the date of diesel-rebate shortfalls back by more than three years, court records filed Wednesday show
104. July 25, 2013
Headline: Panel of federal judges weighs Pilot venue question
Text: PORTLAND, Maine — A panel of federal judges issued no rulings on Thursday in a fight over lawsuits filed against Pilot Flying J, but it appeared sympathetic to the company's arguments
105. July 25, 2013
Headline: Federal panel ponders what to do about multiple federal suits against Pilot Flying J

- Text: PORTLAND, Maine — A panel of seven federal judges appeared sympathetic today to arguments made by Pilot Flying J and a group of plaintiffs with whom it has reached a civil settlement*
106. July 25, 2013
Headline: Pilot launches website devoted to rebate issue
Text: Facing questions related to a rebate-fraud scandal, Pilot Flying J has launched an online PR offensive
107. July 26, 2013
Headline: Law group's new website targets Pilot Flying J
Text: A Georgia law firm has entered the online fray when it comes to the rebate scandal involving Pilot Flying J
108. July 27, 2013
Headline: New website aims criticism at Pilot
Text: The Knoxville-based chain of truck stops on Thursday created a new website that, among other things, provides details of a preliminary settlement between Pilot and several trucking firms that have accused it of rebate fraud
109. July 29, 2013
Headline: Former Pilot regional sales manager, account manager plead guilty in federal court
Text: Seven ex-Pilot employees so far admit to federal charges of rebate fraud – all with the promise to cooperate in future prosecutions
110. August 3, 2013
Headline: Experts: Racketeering charges not likely in Pilot case
Text: Lawyers both inside and outside the Pilot Flying J fuel rebate criminal probe agree: Charges against upper-echelon employees are coming, but racketeering likely won't be on the list
111. August 3, 2013
Headline: Experts: Criminal case against Pilot executives not very complicated
Text: "I wouldn't think they would make it very complicated," said veteran defense attorney James A. H. Bell of prosecutors in the U. S. attorney's office
112. August 3, 2013
Headline: Freeman on hot seat in Pilot investigation
Text: In the pages of an FBI affidavit, Pilot Flying J executive John Freeman is portrayed as a foul-mouthed executive who defrauded customers
113. August 5, 2013
Headline: Jim Haslam would take over Cleveland Browns if son forced out
Text: A trade publication reported Monday that James A. "Jim" Haslam II would take over ownership of the Cleveland Browns if his son, Jimmy Haslam, were forced to step aside. Sports Business Journal, which is part of Advance Publications, said the contingency plan was developed in the wake of a government raid on Pilot Flying J
114. August 8, 2013
Headline: Federal panel rules for Pilot Flying J in lawsuits consolidation request
Text: A federal judicial panel has ruled in favor Pilot Flying J in a case where several plaintiffs had sought to consolidate lawsuits against the company
115. August 9, 2013
Headline: Federal panel rules for Pilot Flying J; company shuffles sales team
Text: Pilot Flying J won a round in court Thursday, as a federal panel sided with the company regarding the consolidation of civil lawsuits. Plaintiffs were pushing to consolidate the cases in a different location
116. August 9, 2013

117. **Headline: Bruce Pearl's attorney representing Jacquelyn Pearl in Pilot Flying J case**
Text: Steven Thompson, of Ungaretti & Harris, confirmed Friday that he represents Jacquelyn Pearl. Pilot is facing a federal investigation in connection with allegations of fuel rebate fraud
August 13, 2013
Headline: Two new lawsuits filed against Pilot
Text: National Retail Transportation Inc. and Keystone Freight Corp., based in Bergen County, N. J., sued the Knoxville-based chain of truck stops
118. August 22, 2013
Headline: Judge sets deadline for Pilot Flying J to respond to lawsuits
Text: Lawyers for Pilot Flying J have until the end of the month to respond to a proposed class-action lawsuit filed in Knox County Circuit Court by five trucking companies
119. August 22, 2013
Headline: Pilot, competitors make their case in Big D
Text: DALLAS -- The legal fight over Pilot Flying J played out in a Knox County courtroom on Thursday, but that doesn't mean the fight for market share was on hold
120. August 28, 2013
Headline: Pilot Flying J special report airs Wednesday night
Text: WEWS-TV in Cleveland, will air a 30-minute special report tonight on the fuel-rebate fraud investigation into Pilot Flying J
121. August 30, 2013
Headline: Pilot Flying J says Atlantic Coast, other plaintiffs were not shorted
Text: Pilot Flying J said Friday that four plaintiffs who have sued the company in Knox County Circuit Court were not owed any rebate money
122. September 5, 2013
Headline: Pilot Flying J founder: Raid was 'second worst day of my life'
Text: The founder of embattled truck-stop chain Pilot Flying J has given his first detailed remarks about the events surrounding a government raid of the Knoxville-based company
123. September 10, 2013
Headline: Judge surprised at Pilot contention that it owes nothing to some Knox plaintiffs
Text: At a hearing on Tuesday, attorneys for Pilot and several plaintiffs met before Knox County Circuit Court Judge Harold Wimberly. Wimberly said he was surprised by Pilot's allegation that four specific plaintiffs in the case are not actually owed any money
124. September 14, 2013
Headline: Pilot Flying J case draws legal firepower
Text: Don Barrett is a Mississippi trial lawyer who made his reputation in the tobacco lawsuits of the 1990's. After federal agents raided the headquarters of Pilot Flying J on April 15, seeking evidence of fuel rebate fraud, it didn't take long for Barrett to be approached about making a case against the company
125. September 14, 2013
Headline: Who's who lines both benches in Pilot case
Text: It's too soon to predict the outcome of a federal investigation into Pilot Flying J, but one thing is clear: The case has attracted a battalion of lawyers, including some with a national reputation, and promises to generate a massive amount of billable hours
126. September 16, 2013
Headline: No sentencing dates yet in Pilot criminal cases
Text: Seven former Pilot employees who confessed roles in a fuel rebate fraud scheme are in legal limbo as the probe of the company continues
127. September 19, 2013

- Headline: Lawyers for Pilot Flying J, trucking companies to trade documents in fuel rebate lawsuit**
Text: A deal to trade paperwork may be getting close in a lawsuit involving Pilot Flying J.
128. September 30, 2013
Headline: Haslam updates actions Pilot has taken since federal raid
Text: Haslam said Monday that the company had expanded its internal audit to include almost 7,000 trucking customers during an eight and half year period
129. October 9, 2013
Headline: Lawsuit alleges Pilot Flying J sales manager in Ohio on leave
Text: A new lawsuit filed against Pilot alleges that one of the company's regional sales managers was recently placed on leave. The suit alleges that Pilot secretly withheld diesel fuel discounts that it had agreed to provide and it cites allegations made in a federal affidavit that was released as part of a criminal probe of the company
130. October 14, 2013
Headline: Illinois firm joins lawsuit against Pilot Flying J
Text: A new lawsuit alleges that the president of Pilot Flying J told an Illinois trucking company that Pilot could not help it with any rebate discrepancies after the company said its fuel deal wasn't in writing
131. October 29, 2013
Headline: Pilot Flying J pushes back on RICO allegations
Text: Pilot Flying J is pushing back against claims that an alleged fraud scheme at the company constitutes a violation of federal racketeering laws
132. November 5, 2013
Headline: Haslam, Pilot Flying J deal hits \$72 million in settlement costs over alleged fuel rebate fraud
Text: Pilot Flying J CEO Jimmy Haslam's Knoxville-based company is expected to spend \$72 million to settle a federal class action lawsuit over alleged fuel rebate fraud
133. November 15, 2013
Headline: Attorney takes issue with Pilot Flying J reimbursement
Text: A plaintiff's attorney is crying foul after Pilot Flying J reimbursed his client for an apparent rebate discrepancy, and added only 4 percent interest to the total. The Knoxville-based truck stop chain is facing a slew of civil lawsuits in connection with a federal investigation into alleged diesel fuel rebate fraud
134. November 22, 2013
Headline: Judge seals Pilot filings
Text: Acting swiftly on a request from lawyers for Pilot Flying J, a federal judge has agreed to keep secret a list of trucking companies that have opted out of a proposed \$72 million settlement of diesel fuel rebate charges with the Knoxville company accused of cheating them
135. November 24, 2013
Headline: Little drama expected at Pilot Flying J hearing in Arkansas
Text: The argument will be one-sided on Monday morning, when a federal judge weighs a settlement between Pilot Flying J and trucking companies that were shorted on diesel fuel rebates
136. November 25, 2013
Headline: Updated with video: Federal judge approves Pilot Flying J settlement around \$84.9 million
Text: A federal judge in Arkansas on Monday approved a proposed settlement between Pilot Flying J and trucking companies that have sued over allegations of diesel fuel rebate fraud
137. November 26, 2013

- Headline: Judge approves Pilot Flying J settlement**
Text: U. S. District Judge James M. Moody gave final approval to a nearly \$85 million settlement between Pilot and hundreds of trucking companies that allege they were shorted on diesel fuel rebates
138. November 27, 2013
Headline: Pilot Flying J seeks to dismiss lawsuits in Knox County
Text: Fresh off a settlement victory in federal court, Pilot Flying J has moved to head off litigation moving forward in Knox County
139. December 18, 2013
Headline: Pilot seeks to consolidate pre-trial actions in federal suits
Text: With federal lawsuits pending in multiple states over allegations of fuel rebate fraud, Pilot Flying J has filed a motion seeking to consolidate pretrial proceedings in the cases to East Tennessee. The controversy erupted in April, after federal officials raided Pilot's headquarters
140. December 28, 2013
Headline: Pilot's woes top 2013 list
Text: Travel center operator Pilot Flying J dominated business news in Knoxville this year
141. December 30, 2013
Headline: Jimmy Haslam admits ongoing criminal probe has been 'a distraction'
Text: Jimmy Haslam admitted in a news conference Monday that an ongoing criminal probe into his Knoxville company "has been a distraction." Pilot travel centers have been under a federal investigation into alleged fuel rebate fraud
142. January 9, 2014
Headline: Western Express settles lawsuit against Pilot Flying J
Text: A Nashville trucking firm that said it lost more than \$75 million because of Pilot Flying J has settled its lawsuit against the Knoxville-based truck stop chain
143. January 13, 2013
Headline: Judge rejects racketeering claims in Pilot lawsuit
Text: A federal judge in Alabama has dismissed several claims, including racketeering allegations, that were included in a lawsuit filed against Pilot Flying J
144. January 15, 2013
Headline: Pilot says rebates are mostly paid back
Text: Pilot Flying J said Wednesday that the vast majority of affected customers have been repaid with interest in connection with a diesel fuel rebate controversy
145. January 27, 2014
Headline: Pilot exec pleads to fraud
Text: Brian Mosher, 42, pleaded guilty in U. S. District Court to conspiracy to commit wire and mail fraud
146. January 27, 2014
Headline: Third former Pilot Flying J employee pleads guilty today in federal court
Text: A third former Pilot Flying J sales employee is pleading guilty Monday in federal court to charges stemming from a fuel rebate fraud investigation – the 10th so far since federal agents raided the corporate headquarters last year
147. February 2, 2014
Headline: Scott McNutt's Snark Bites: Pilot Flying J providing pre-indictment training to new managers
Text: Three more Pilot managers have pleaded guilty to various federal fraud charges, bringing to 10 the total number of PFJ management guilty pleaders. With federal indictments becoming the new normal among its management, Pilot is now providing pre-indictment training sessions to its new management hires

148. March 10, 2014
Headline: Pilot Flying J settles lawsuit by Texas trucking company
Text: Pilot Flying J has settled a civil lawsuit filed by a Texas trucking company
149. March 11, 2014
Headline: Pilot Flying J seeks consolidation of civil proceedings
Text: The Knoxville-based truck stop chain is facing several civil lawsuits in connection with allegations of diesel fuel rebate fraud targeting trucking customers
150. April 8, 2014
Headline: Judicial panel orders Pilot rebate suits consolidated
Text: A federal panel has issued a three-page order merging seven pending civil suits charging rebate fraud against truck stop chain Pilot Flying J
151. April 13, 2014
Headline: On raid's anniversary, many Pilot questions still unanswered
Text: It's been nearly a year since federal agents descended on the Lonas Drive headquarters of Pilot Flying J, conducting a raid that would quickly usher in enormous changes at the Knoxville-based truck stop chain
152. May 19, 2014
Headline: Pilot Flying J president no longer employed by company
Text: As a federal investigation into Pilot Flying J continues, the president of the Knoxville-based chain of truck stops and another executive have left the company
153. May 20, 2014
Headline: Source: Three Pilot Flying J executives terminated; two more on leave
Text: More executives at Pilot Flying J have left the company, according to a knowledgeable source close to Pilot
154. May 30, 2014
Headline: Exclusive: Pilot fires John Freeman, Vincent Greco
Text: Two Pilot Flying J executives who drew scrutiny in a federal affidavit were among the employees who were terminated last week
155. June 23, 2014
Headline: Accounting firm backs Pilot Flying J numbers
Text: Pilot Flying J's auditing work in connection with a fuel rebate scandal has gotten an endorsement from a third party. Accounting firm Horne LLP, which was hired to double-check Pilot's number-crunching as part of a class-action settlement, has submitted a report which said the Knoxville-based fuel chain's calculations were accurate
156. June 28, 2014
Headline: Local Pilot lawsuits resolved
Text: Several lawsuits filed against Pilot Flying J in Knox County Circuit Court have been resolved. The suits came in the wake of a criminal investigation into alleged diesel fuel rebate fraud
157. July 15, 2014
Headline: Pilot to pay \$92M penalty
Text: Pilot Flying J has reached a deal with federal prosecutors to avoid criminal charges against the company. Pilot must pay \$92 million penalty over two years and cooperate with an ongoing criminal investigation into diesel fuel rebate fraud. Federal prosecutors said in a news release that the criminal enforcement agreement, "expressly states that it provides no protection from prosecution to any individual" in connection with the case
158. July 23, 2014
Headline: Judge says discovery must wait in Pilot cases

159. *Text: A federal judge has ruled that plaintiffs suing Pilot Flying J over alleged diesel fuel rebate fraud cannot proceed with discovery until Pilot's bid to dismiss the cases is resolved*
July 31, 2014
Headline: Judge eyes mediator in Pilot case
Text: A federal mediator will likely be involved in civil litigation regarding Pilot Flying J
160. August 16, 2014
Headline: Pilot session set for November 19
Text: A federal judge has scheduled a settlement conference between Pilot Flying J and plaintiffs who have sued the company over alleged diesel fuel rebate fraud
161. September 13, 2014
Headline: Suit seeks to use deal against Pilot
Text: A pair of plaintiffs who sued Pilot Flying J are hoping to use the company's \$92 million deal with federal prosecutors against Pilot in ongoing litigation
162. September 20, 2014
Headline: Pilot Flying J seeks dismissal of fraud lawsuits
Text: Pilot Flying J has asked a federal judge to dismiss several lawsuits filed against the company, in connection with an alleged diesel fuel rebate scheme
163. December 6, 2014
Headline: Haslam rejects claims
Text: The CEO of Pilot Flying J is asking a federal judge to dismiss a lawsuit filed against him by a pair of trucking companies. In November, those companies alleged in a legal filing that Haslam had orchestrated a scheme to defraud them of diesel fuel rebates
164. January 29, 2015
Headline: Feds signal Pilot probe will stretch into summer
Text: Federal authorities signaled in a court filing this week the probe into alleged fuel rebate fraud involving Pilot Flying J will stretch into the summer
165. March 1, 2015
Headline: Did 'Dr John' start Pilot probe?
Text: During his first career, John S. Verble counseled clients as a marriage and family therapist. In his second career, he counseled them on how to invest their money as a stockbroker for Morgan Stanley
166. March 11, 2015
Headline: No Headline
Text: LEXINGTON, Ky. — Three trucking companies have agreed to settle lawsuits alleging Knoxville-based Pilot Flying J cheated them out of fuel rebates, according to WEWS-TV in Cleveland, Ohio
167. March 14, 2015
Headline: Firm claims firing because of 'kickbacks'
Text: Morgan Stanley Smith Barney insists it did not fire a former employee for his self-proclaimed role as an FBI informant
168. December 16, 2015
Headline: Broker to appeal in Pilot fraud suit
Text: The former Morgan Stanley employee who claimed to be the FBI's informant in the Pilot Flying J fraud case does not qualify for whistleblower protections, a federal judge has ruled
169. February 9, 2016
Headline: Ex-Pilot president, 7 others indicted in diesel fuel rebate fraud
Text: After approving an expansion of scheme to defraud small trucking companies of promised diesel fuel rebates, former Pilot Flying J President Mark Hazelwood made a prediction, according to an indictment unsealed Tuesday
170. February 9, 2016

Headline: Ex-Pilot president accused of directing rebate fraud scheme

Text: With a planned expansion of an already massive fraud scheme, 2013 was shaping up to be a good year for Mark Hazelwood and an entire Pilot Flying J diesel sales division crew, according to federal court records unsealed Tuesday

171. February 10, 2016

Headline: Guilty pleas

Text: These former employees of Pilot Flying J have pleaded guilty and are awaiting sentencing in U.S. District Court. Holly Radford, who was a regional account representative at Pilot headquarters in Knoxville, admitted to one count of mail fraud. Kevin Clark, who was a regional sales manager in Lee Summit, Mo., admitted to one count of mail fraud. Jay Stinnett, who was a senior regional sales manager at Pilot headquarters in Knoxville, admitted to one count of mail fraud

172. February 10, 2016

Headline: 8 charged with fuel ripoff

Text: With a planned expansion of an already massive fraud scheme, 2013 was shaping up to be a good year for Mark Hazelwood and an entire Pilot Flying J diesel sales division crew according to federal court records unsealed Tuesday

173. February 10, 2016

Headline: Pilot statement on indictment

Text: In response to actions Tuesday by the federal government in its ongoing investigation, Pilot Flying J issued the following statement:

“We’re obviously disappointed and saddened by today’s events but cannot comment further on any matters which are part of the ongoing investigation. We can say that since this unfortunate episode began, the company has put in place policies and procedures unparalleled in the industry to prevent anything like this from happening again

174. March 9, 2016

Headline: Judge sets trial date in Pilot fraud case

Text: A trial date has been set for the second group of Pilot Flying J employees to be prosecuted in an alleged diesel fuel rebate scam, and federal prosecutors say in court documents that the investigation is not over

175. May 9, 2016

Headline: Pilot CEO agrees to questioning in rebate lawsuit

Text: Jimmy Haslam, CEO of Pilot Flying J and owner of the Cleveland Browns, has agreed to be deposed over ongoing civil lawsuits connected to a rebate fraud scheme carried out by the Haslam family's \$33 billion truck stop chain

176. July 5, 2016

Headline: Officers worked at Pilot HQ during probe

Text: Moonlighting Knoxville police officers provided security for Pilot Flying J while federal agents were continuing their investigation of fraud at the company

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1. April 19, 2013
Headline: Feds: J Haslam knew of scheme
Text: According to the affidavit, investigators believed evidence of the alleged scheme was contained in computer equipment used by Jimmy Haslam himself
2. April 20, 2013
Headline: Truckers outraged at Pilot Flying J
Text: The affidavit sent shock waves throughout the trucking industry, said Tommy Hodges, owner of Shelbyville-based Titan Transfer Inc. and a former chairman of the American Trucking Association. [...]today, I considered Jimmy Haslam a friend," said Hodges, whose company operates 375 over-the-road trucks
3. April 20, 2013
Headline: NFL doesn't plan to act on Haslam
Text: According to an affidavit filed in Knoxville by the FBI, Haslam was aware that members of his Pilot Flying J travel center company's sales force preyed on smaller trucking companies by reducing the amount of rebates they were owed for buying certain amounts of fuel. "First off, an owner is not going to waste time negotiating unless they first check out (a prospective buyer), and then the league checks them out
4. April 21, 2013
Headline: Haslam reputation on line
Text: According to conversations secretly recorded by an FBI informant and transcribed in the affidavit, Freeman and other sales managers talked about or were involved with changing discount deals without the customer's knowledge, a practice that was referred to as "managing the discount," "jacking the discount," "manual rebates," "manuel" and "cost-plussing."
5. April 23, 2013
Headline: Pilot sales staff put on leave
Text: According to secretly recorded conversations transcribed in the FBI affidavit, sales staffers were manually reducing the rebate that was owed, counting on the companies to not catch the error
6. April 24, 2013
Embattled Pilot sales exec gave to Haslam campaign
Text: According to the affidavit, Freeman and Mosher would manually reduce rebates due trucking companies who had entered into agreements where they would receive money back based on the volume of fuel they purchased
7. April 24, 2013
Headline: Affidavit: Pilot official targeted Hispanics
Text: A spokesman replied Tuesday: "Pilot Flying J has said it finds much of the language in the affidavit offensive, embarrassing and out of character with the values and ideals of Pilot Flying J.

- You can include in that statement any language that disparages any customer or individual for any reason."*
8. April 28, 2013
Headline: Pilot legal drama unfurls
Text: Nashville attorney Jerry Martin, who recently resigned as the U.S. attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee so he could enter private practice, said Pilot's attorneys now have a head start on investigating and possibly building a defense against the government's case
9. April 30, 2013
Headline: Pilot can talk to truckers
Text: According to the Knoxville News-Sentinel, Wimberly ruled that the Georgia firm lacked proof of its claims that Haslam was tampering with witnesses and said the firm was relying solely on media reports in which Haslam was quoted as saying he was reaching out to trucking customers
10. May 1, 2013
Headline: More suits filed against Pilot Flying J
Text: According to the 21-page complaint filed in Jackson, Bruce Taylor, a Holmes County trucker and the plaintiff, was a Pilot customer since 2005 and had been promised rebates by Pilot
11. May 3, 2013
Headline: Suit names Jimmy Haslam
Text: A Wisconsin trucking firm on Wednesday filed a class-action suit in federal court in Illinois charging Pilot Flying J and its chief executive, Jimmy Haslam III, with racketeering in the wake of a federal probe of rebate skimming
12. May 16, 2013
Headline: Ex-FBI chief joins fight vs. Pilot
Text: The lawsuit against Pilot cites a search warrant affidavit in U.S. District Court in Knoxville last month in which an FBI agent charges top Pilot sales executives deliberately reduced the rebates promised to certain trucking firms to boost their own commissions and company profits
13. May 18, 2013
Headline: Pilot faces another trucker's suit
Text: A North Carolina trucker has filed a class-action lawsuit against Pilot Travel Centers in U.S. District Court in Florida, piggybacking on charges disclosed in an FBI affidavit detailing evidence of a rebate skimming scheme
14. May 27, 2013
Headline: Miss. Trucker files suit vs. Pilot
Text: The suit, like others filed in state and federal courts, bases the charges on an affidavit filed in U.S. District Court in Knoxville following an April 15 raid on Pilot's Knoxville headquarters by FBI and IRS agents
15. May 30, 2013
Headline: 2 Pilot execs plead guilty
Text: "During this training meeting, the defendant, Arnold Ralenkotter, attended a break-out teaching session in which Pilot's national accounts sales director, in furtherance of the conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, encouraged and taught Pilot direct sales personnel how to defraud, without detection, some of Pilot's customers who choose to receive their discount in the form of a rebate check," the court filing said
16. May 31, 2013

- Headline: Pilot Flying J faces another suit**
Text: The suit, originally filed in Butler County Circuit Court but then transferred to U.S. District Court in Montgomery, charges Pilot secretly reduced promised rebates to Shoreline Transportation of Greenville, Ala.
17. June 1, 2013
Headline: Ohio firm files suit charging Pilot Flying J with fraud
Text: In a 19-page complaint filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Toledo, lawyers for Ohio Auto Delivery Inc. charged that the company was defrauded by the national truck-stop firm when promised rebates were secretly reduced
18. June 4, 2013
Headline: Nebraska trucker sues Pilot in Nashville
Text: Like more than a dozen other suits filed throughout the country in state and federal courts, the 22-page complaint cites a 120-page affidavit filed in U.S. District Court in Knoxville after an April 15 raid on Pilot's Knoxville headquarters by FBI and IRS agents
19. June 12, 2013
Headline: More truckers sue Pilot, Haslam
Text: Besides Haslam, the suit names as defendants Pilot executives John Freeman, Brian Mosher and Mark Hazelwood
20. June 19, 2013
Headline: 3 more at Pilot plead guilty
Text: Three more Pilot Flying J employees pleaded guilty on Tuesday in a scheme to defraud trucking companies out of rebates as a federal investigation continues to unfold into the country's largest truck stop company
21. June 21, 2013
Headline: Pilot exec: Senior management knew of scheme
Text: Pilot Flying J executive Jay Stinnett began cooperating with the federal investigation into the nation's largest truck stop chain the same day federal agents raided the company's corporate headquarters, according to a plea agreement recently unsealed
22. July 3, 2013
Headline: Pilot partner included in new lawsuit
Text: Like the other suits filed in state and federal court across the country, the 37-page complaint cites a 120-page affidavit of an FBI agent filed in U.S. District Court in Knoxville following an April 15 raid by the FBI and IRS on Pilot's Knoxville headquarters
23. July 10, 2013
Headline: Another trucker files suit vs. Pilot
Text: Woodward's class-action suit, like the 15 others, cites an affidavit filed in federal court in Knoxville by an FBI agent which includes excerpts from secretly taped meetings of Pilot sales staff in which the scheme was discussed in detail
24. July 14, 2013
Headline: How much will Pilot pay?
Text: Similar claims were made by a federal informant in the 120-page affidavit filed by the U.S. Attorney's Office in April, leading legal experts to believe the federal government could be in position to bring criminal charges against the company itself. [...] excerpts of conversations secretly recorded by the FBI informant indicate that top Pilot executives were aware of the rebate scheme
25. July 16, 2013
Headline: 9 Pilot employees out amid federal probe

- Text: Six members of Pilot Flying J's sales team have quit or been fired and three others have been placed on administrative leave, including the vice president of sales, whose expletive-laced language is quoted extensively in a recent federal criminal court filing*
26. July 18, 2013
Headline: Trucking firm lawyer advises clients to reject Pilot settlement
Text: A Knoxville attorney for a trucking firm suing Pilot Flying J said he is advising his clients and others not to join a settlement with the truck stop chain that was approved earlier this week by a federal judge
27. July 30, 2013
Headline: 2 more Pilot executives plead guilty to scheme
Text: According to an FBI affidavit filed in April, Fenwick told an FBI informant that he was cheating truckers out of \$70,000-\$90,000 a month
28. August 9, 2013
Headline: Judicial panel rejects consolidating Pilot lawsuits
Text: A panel of federal judges has rejected a request to consolidate multiple lawsuits filed against Pilot Flying J, the travel center chain enmeshed in a federal investigation into charges that it skimmed diesel fuel rebates promised to dozens of truckers across the country
29. August 11, 2013
Headline: Being the news unsettles Ingram
Text: Recently, Ingram has helped Pilot CEO Jimmy Haslam, the governor's brother, devise a communications strategy as the company deals with a federal investigation into its sales practices
30. August 14, 2013
Headline: N. J. Trucking firms file lawsuit against Pilot Flying J
Text: Besides Pilot, the defendants named in the suit include Pilot's CEO James A. Haslam, President Mark Hazelwood, sales Vice President John Freeman and seven other Pilot sales staffers, several of whom already have entered guilty pleas to mail and wire fraud charges
31. August 31, 2013
Headline: Newest Pilot suit tops \$75M
Text: According to the suit, Western purchased 90 percent of its fuel from Pilot and paid the truck stop firm more than \$1 billion over the eight-year period
32. August 31, 2013
Headline: Pilot response claims truckers were overpaid
Text: In U.S. District Court in Knoxville, an FBI agent submitted a 120-page affidavit detailing an alleged scheme by Pilot sales executives to reduce the rebates promised to truckers who lacked sophisticated monitoring systems
33. September 18, 2013
Headline: Hearings in Pilot fraud case postponed
Text: The seven Pilot employees, as part of their plea agreement, have promised to cooperate in a continuing investigation of allegations that rebates earned by trucking companies for diesel fuel purchases were secretly reduced
34. October 9, 2013
Headline: Pilot Flying J suit names suspended executive
Text: More than 20 other suits have been filed against Pilot since the April 15 raid on the truck stop firm's Knoxville headquarters by FBI agents
35. October 16, 2013
Headline: 52 trucking firms opt out of Pilot settlement
Text: The suit, like more than two dozen others filed in the past six months, cites an FBI affidavit filed in U.S. District Court in Knoxville detailing a longtime scheme by Pilot sales executives to secretly reduce promised rebates to truckers who they thought would not catch on
36. October 19, 2013

- Headline: More trucking companies reject Pilot fraud settlements**
Text: A 120-page affidavit filed in U.S. District Court in Knoxville following the raid detailed the allegations and included transcripts of secretly recorded meetings of Pilot sales executives discussing the scheme to reduce rebates on customers who they thought would not notice the discrepancies
37. October 30, 2013
Headline: Pilot, CEO Haslam seek suit dismissals
Text: In motions filed in federal courts in Alabama and circuit court in Knoxville, Pilot's and Haslam's lawyers are asking that the suits filed by a half dozen trucking firms be dismissed because they say the suits haven't established that any fraud occurred
38. November 6, 2013
Headline: Settlement cost hits \$72M
Text: In a more than 400-page filing in U.S. District Court in Little Rock, Ark., attorneys for Pilot and the trucking firms supporting the deal argued that the proposal was an "extraordinarily good settlement"
39. November 16, 2013
Headline: Trucking firm makes new Pilot allegations
Text: The motion filed in Knoxville cites a series of seemingly contradictory letters from a Pilot official to a Georgia trucking firm, Harold David Story Inc. Among the items cited is a Nov. 6 letter to the Georgia trucking company's president with a \$56,204.26 check including only 4 percent interest, 2 percent less than Pilot has promised in a pending class action suit in Arkansas
40. November 19, 2013
Headline: Pilot seeks approval for \$72M settlement
Text: Lawyers for Pilot Flying J are making a last plea for a federal judge to approve a proposed \$72 million settlement of rebate fraud charges, contending that none of the victims would be likely to do any better by pursuing protracted litigation on their own
41. November 21, 2013
Headline: East Tenn. Firm files rebate suit against Pilot
Text: According to the suit, Stinnett, who entered a guilty plea to mail fraud charges in June, personally handled the Moore account
42. November 26, 2013
Headline: Federal judge signs off on \$85M Pilot settlement
Text: In the affidavit filed in U.S. District Court in Knoxville, a transcript of a secretly taped Pilot sales meeting includes statements by Pilot executive John Freeman in which he says Pilot bought the plane as a way to pay back Western Express for rebates it should have gotten
43. December 3, 2013
Headline: Who's minding the truck stop? Answer costs \$85M - so far
Text: The sheer size, with 10 named plaintiffs representing 6,000 companies that will share in \$56.5 million plus \$9.75 million in interest payments out of the total settlement, would make this case memorable, even without knowing that the owners of Pilot Flying J also are known for their other careers
44. January 5, 2014
Headline: Pilot faces more lawsuits
Text: Despite a so-called "global settlement," Pilot Flying J still faces about 16 unresolved lawsuits stemming from charges of rebate fraud, leaving the criminal and civil matters a long way from being resolved as the new year begins
45. January 10, 2014
Headline: Pilot Flying J settles one suit

- Text: While the Western case is resolved, another suit was filed against Pilot this week in U.S. District Court in Greenville, S.C. The suit, originally filed in South Carolina state court, charges that the trucking firm, Quality Logistics, was a victim of rebate fraud
46. January 11, 2014
Headline: Pilot gets key legal win
Text: Subsequently a 120-page FBI affidavit was filed in U.S. District Court in Knoxville detailing a scheme by top Pilot sales executives to cheat unwitting trucking companies out of promised diesel fuel rebates
47. January 28, 2014
Headline: 3 more admit guilt in Pilot fraud case
Text: According to the transcript, Andrews, who was a sales representative, told his colleagues he didn't put details of the rebate skimming in emails for fear they would be discovered
48. April 8, 2014
Headline: Pilot suits to be heard by single judge
Text: A federal judicial panel has issued a three-page order merging seven pending civil suits charging rebate fraud against truck stop chain Pilot Flying J
49. April 15, 2014
Headline: Pilot comes to fork in road
Text: Federal agents have charged that Pilot, the largest truck-stop chain in the country, routinely cheated trucking companies out of millions of dollars in promised diesel fuel rebates by secretly manipulating purchasing records
50. May 20, 2014
Headline: Pilot Flying J president leaves post
Text: In transcripts of secretly taped sales staff meetings filed in U.S. District Court a year ago, John Freeman, then Pilot's top sales executive, told his colleagues that Hazelwood was present at sales meetings where the rebate scheme was discussed
51. May 21, 2014
Headline: Pilot loses more workers
Text: In the midst of a federal probe into rebate fraud charges, three more employees of Pilot Flying J have left the company and two others have been placed on administrative leave, according to a source with direct knowledge of the developments
52. May 31, 2014
Headline: Key figure fired in Pilot probe
Text: A 120-page affidavit filed in U.S. District Court in Knoxville last April, which followed an FBI raid on Pilot's headquarters, outlined how the promised rebates were manipulated and reduced by millions of dollars
53. June 25, 2014
Headline: Auditors endorse Pilot Flying J rebate figures
Text: According to the audit report filed in Little Rock, the audit covered transactions from Jan. 1, 2005, to July 15, 2013
54. July 15, 2014
Headline: Pilot agrees to \$92M fine, avoids prosecution
Text: According to federal prosecutors, Pilot Flying J acknowledged it had defrauded customers of more than \$56 million and that its employees had fabricated documentation
55. September 24, 2014
Headline: Former Pilot Flying J official gets "target letter"
Text: Former Pilot Flying J President Mark Hazelwood has received a "target letter," the official form federal prosecutors send to let someone know that they are the target of an investigation and that prosecutors have substantial evidence linking them to the crime
56. February 10, 2016

- Headline: Ex-Pilot Flying J president indicted**
Text: Hazelwood faces charges of conspiracy to commit wire and mail fraud and witness tampering, according to an indictment filed in U.S. District court in Knoxville
57. March 5, 2016
Headline: Ex-Pilot officials seek delay in trial
Text: "Reviewing this volume and variety of information in connection with a case involving commodity pricing and discounts, together with the necessarily attendant accounting issues, will require months of effort and the use of sophisticated computerized document management and review tools to attempt to identify, view, and organize relevant material to prepare for the trial of this case," wrote attorneys for the ex-Pilot officials in Friday's filing
58. March 9, 2016
Headline: Ex-Pilot execs get trial delay
Text: The federal trial of eight former Pilot Flying J executives in connection to a rebate fraud scheme was pushed back to October 2017, according to a filing Tuesday in federal court
59. April 16, 2016
Headline: Judge: Pilot J CEO must testify
Text: An Alabama judge has ordered Jimmy Haslam, CEO of Pilot Flying J and owner of the NFL's Cleveland Browns, be deposed in a civil lawsuit related to the rebate scheme plaguing the \$31 billion family truck stop chain
60. May 1, 2016
Headline: Judge rejects Jimmy Haslam's bid to avoid deposition
Text: Jimmy Haslam has always denied any participation in or knowledge of the scheme conducted by the Knoxville-based Pilot Flying J. The scheme, where customers received less money through a rebate than they had agreed to, has already led to 10 guilty pleas in federal court, another eight federal indictments and more than \$100 million in fees and restitution
61. May 8, 2016
Headline: Jimmy Haslam agrees to deposition
Text: Jimmy Haslam, CEO of Pilot Flying J and owner of the Cleveland Browns, has agreed to be deposed over ongoing civil lawsuits connected to a rebate fraud scheme carried out by the Haslam family's \$33 billion truck stop chain